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G.O. No. 700

Dated 24-3-48

[Despatch Abstract.]

C.No.1293
8.3.48.

EXPRESS STATE

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MADRAS

REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM NO.1147/48-2 DATED FOURTH STOP 195 COPIES OF DRAFT CONSTITUTION TO SECRETARY MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND 51 COPIES TO SECRETARY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DESPATCHED BY RAILWAY PARCEL PER PASSENGER TRAIN ON 28th FEBRUARY STOP IF YOU REQUIRE MORE COPIES YOU MAY OBTAIN THEM ON PAYMENT FROM MANAGER PUBLICATIONS CIVIL LINES DELHI.

CONSTITUTION

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Not to be telegraphed

Sd/
(K.V. Padmanabhan)
Under Secretary.

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NO. CA/108/Cons/47.
CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OF INDIA.

Council House,
New Delhi.
March 6, 1948.

Copy in confirmation by airmail to,
The Chief Secretary,
Government of Madras,
MADRAS.

(Sd.)
(K.V. Padmanabhan)

OFFICE ASSISTANT
MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

C.N.V.
9.1.54

For Chief Secretary.

The Draft Constitution of India has been published by the Government of India. I think it will be necessary to supply all the Members of the Madras Assembly and the Council with a copy each. Please be so good as to take necessary action either to obtain printed copies from the Government of India or to get them re-printed by our Government Press for supply to the Members through the Assembly Office.

Early action may kindly be taken.

(Sd.)

Honourable Minister (Home)
Leader of the Assembly.

Public (Elections) Department.

Please see the minute of Honourable Minister (Home) above. It is understood from the Legal Department that they have sent a telegram to the Manager of Central Publications, New Delhi to furnish a copy of the Draft Constitution of India with the intention of reprinting the same in an extra-ordinary issue of the Fort St. George Gazette.

On a previous occasion the Superintendent, Government Press, reprinted the Indian Independence Act, 1947 in the Fort St. George Gazette dated/31.7. 1947 and supplied 350 copies to members of the Legislature--vide page 13.14 n.f. of G.O.No.1620, Public (Elections), dated/23.7.1946. Similarly if the Draft Constitution of India is reprinted in the Gazette as proposed by the Legal department the Superintendent, Government Press will no doubt supply copies to the members concerned. It is submitted that there seems to be no need to obtain printed copies from the Government of India. Legal may see.

Pub Elec Lr No 1147/Ref-1
A 2.3.48.

Honourable Minister (Home) desires speedy action to XXX be taken to supply copies to members of the Legislature. A copy of the draft has come by post to-day. | A.

(Sd.)

Local Department.

A.S.

Please see the notes of Public above. A copy of the Draft Constitution is not available either from the Superintendent Government Press or Higgin__bothams immediately. The Manager of Publication, Civil Lines, New Delhi, was telegraphically requested to send a copy to this Department at once, but as yet, no copy has been received. In the circumstances Public may be requested to spare their copy stated to have been received by them at A above, for being sent to the Press to endure early republication of the same in the Fort St. George Gazette. Public may kindly treat this as very special.

(Sd.)

Legal Lr No 2530-1
A 3.3.48.

PUBLIC (Electrical).

Public (Elections)Department.

Please see the note of Legal Department above. A copy of the D.O. since received from Honourable Minister(Home) is added to the c.f. (see page 3 c.f.) With reference to Legal Department. note a single copy of the Draft Constitution received from the Constituent Assembly of India is with Public (General-B) who may be requested to put up that copy. It may be sent to Legal.

2. With reference to portion marked A in the D.O. (Demi Official on page 3 c.f. the Chief Secretariat (O.P.II) may be requested to find out whether the packages containing these books have since arrived at the Central Station, Madras and if so to obtain them immediately for supply to members of the Legislature.

Through Public(General-B)
Chief Secretariat(O.P.II)

(Sd.)

Public (General-B)Department.

Copy of the Draft Constitution received from the Constituent Assembly of India is put up. A copy of the reprinted edition may be supplied to this section on receipt from the Press.

(Sd.)

Public(Elections)Department.

As ordered a draft telegram to the Manager, Central Pulelication, New Delhi asking him to furnish three hundred and fifty copies of the Draft Constitution of India to this Government for supply to members of the Legislature ~~XX~~ is submitted for approval.

(Sd.)

We want an extra fifty--L.S. may see this as a reference will have to be made to the telegram sent to-day when we ask for our fifty copies.

(Sd.)

Public(G&B)Department.

Extracts of notes and the telegram have been taken for separate action. This may be returned to Pub(Elec.) through Legal Department.

(Sd.)

Legal (Public (Elec)

Legal Department.

Seen in Legal.

(Sd.)

Public (Elections)

The note of public(General-B) and Legal on page 3-4 above may be perused. The receipt of copies of the Draft Constitution from

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Manager of Publications, New Delhi, may be awaited. (R.D.12.3.48)

(Sd.)

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Has copy gone to Press for reprint?
(Sd.)
Copy not available spoken 5.3.48.

A on page 3 c.f.

OR(II) may get in touch with the Railway authorities and see whether, the packages containing the books from Delhi have since arrived at the Central Station.

Legal.no.2530-2
5.3.48.

(Sd.)

O.P.II c.No.1228B/48

A note was sent to the superintendent . Central Rail - way Station, on 5.3.48 for that it is understood from him that no parcel has so far arrived. The peon will again be sent on 8.3.48. With due above information, this may be returned to Public (Elections)

(Sd.)

Public(Elections)Department

Please see the telegram and the post copy since received from the constituent Assembly on page 7-11 c.f.. It is stated that only 246 copies of Draft Constitution have been sent for distribution to members of the Madras Legislative Assembly and the Council. There are 266 members of the Legislature to whom copies have to be distributed. Only 20 extra copies are required for the purpose. It may be mentioned here that Public(General-B) have also asked the Bookind, New Delhi, to supply the Government of Madras with 50 extra copies. It is understood from that section that the copies are required for circulation to Honourable Ministers. As there is likely to be 27 spare copies that Department may be requested to spare 20 copies for supply to members of the Legislature.

With reference to A on page 9 c.f. the file may be sent to Chief(~~on page~~ II) through Public (General-B) for obtaining the packages containing the books from the Railway station.

(Sd.)

Public(General-B)Department.

Legal Department are re-printing the Draft constitution and have requested this Department to let them know the requirements. It is unlikely that the 50 copies ordered for from Bookind, New Delhi will be received here. As members of the Legislature, Honourable Ministers will get a copy each of the Draft constitution and therefore it does not seem necessary to circulate the copies again to them. Public(Elections) may specially ask the constituent Assembly to supply the additional number of 20 copies intended for the members of the Legislature.

(Sd.)

Put up Telegram to the constituent Assembly to send 20 additional copies for members of the legislature.

(Sd.)

A draft telegram is submitted.

(Sd.) Issue to-day. Then send messenger to station to find out whether copies have been received.

(Sd.)

Chief Secretariat(O.P.II)

With reference to the orders on page 5 ante, a peon was sent to the Central Station on 10-3-48 and they wanted that an indemnity ~~board~~ should be signed and sent to them.

In ~~one~~ meantime, it has been informally ascertained from Member of Legislature Secretariat that they have received the concerned Railway Receipts for one parcels addressed to the Secretaries Madras Legislative Assembly and Council and that theyhave sent a person to the Railway station to take delivery of the parcels.

With one above remarks, one file may be returned to Public (Election).

(Sd.)

Await receipt of the 20 additional copies Remindon 15.3.48 if no reply is received.

(Sd.) Chief Secretariat
R.O No.1228B/48-3
10.3.48.

Public(Elections)

(Letter from Manager of Publication No.S.C/2203/I dated/5.3.1948)

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Public(Elections I)Department

Copy of letter from the Manager of Publications to the Under Secretary Constituent Assembly, New Delhi, on page 5 c.f. is submitted for perusal. The receipt of 20 additional copies of the Draft Constitution may be awaited.

R.O.15.3.48.)

(Sd.)

The draft constitution has been republished in an extraordinary issue of the Fort St. George Gazette dated/10.3.48. We may ask legal to supply 20 copies to the LA Secretariat of the Legislature for distribution to the remaining members. Twenty copies, if sent by the constituent Assembly may be retained in the Library as they will be required constantly for reference.

Public(Elections)

(Sd.)

R.O.No.1147/48-1
12.3.48.

Legal

ublic (Elections)Department.

Please see the reply telegram from the Constituent Assembly of India to our telegram on page 13 c.f. There are 49 Constituent Assembly members of this province for whom copies of the Draft

constitution.....

Constitution have been supplied direct by the Constituent Assembly. The total number of members of the Legislature is 266. Deducting 49 copies, the number of copies to be supplied to the remaining members will be 217. The Secretariat of the Madras Legislature has been furnished with 246 copies for distribution to the members. The Legislature may now requested to return the 29 additional copies.

Pub Elections G.O.No 1467/48-6
Dt 13.3.48.

(Sd.)

Secretariat of the Madras,
Legislature.

The total number of members of the Legislature is 267(212 members in the Assembly and 55 in the Council). Of the 49 members of the Constituent Assembly representing this province, only 21 members are members of the Legislature. The number of copies required for distribution to such members of this Legislature as are not members of the Constituent Assembly is, therefore, 246, which has been supplied by the Government of India. Public (Elections) may, therefore, be informed that there are no additional copies.

(Sd.)

G.O.No. 1812/48-ML
Dt 13.3.48.

Public(Elections)Department.

Previous note of this Department and the note of the Secretariat of the Madras on page 7 above may be perused. 246 copies of the Draft Constitution supplied by the Constituent Assembly of India, have been distributed to members of the Legislature. In regard to the 49 Constituent Assembly members of this Province(21 members plus 28 non-members) the Government of India have since replied that copies have been supplied to them direct. As members of the Madras Legislative Assembly and the Council have been supplied with copies of the Draft Constitution, no further action seems called for on this file.

The file may be circulated to Honourable Minister (Home) for his information with reference to his minute on page 1 ante.

(Sd.)

Honourable Minister(Home)

Please see the minute of Honourable Minister(Home) above. No further action is called for on this file. The papers may be recorded in a Ms.G.O.for facility of future reference.

(Sd.)

G.O.No. 750 d/24.3.48.
M.S.

Books and Publications--
Draft constitution of India--
Supply to members of the
Legislature--Papers recorded.

A. Thiagarajan 9.5.54
OFFICE ASSISTANT
MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

C.N.V.

4/5/54